

REMARKS

The Examiner has requested a restriction/election with respect to the above-identified application. Specifically, the Examiner states that Species I of Claims 1-55; Species II of Claims 56-83; Species III of Claims 84-85; Species IV of Claims 86-87; and Species V of Claim 88, are separate and distinct inventions. The Examiner requests an election of one species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction/election requirement because Claims 1-88 are interrelated to one another and should be prosecuted as part of the same patent application. Specifically, Claims 1-55 and Claims 84-85, are drawn to a method of treating mammals with omentum and Claims 56-83, Claims 86-87, and Claim 88 are drawn to method for processing omentum so that it may be used to treat mammals. However, in order to fully respond to the Office Action, Applicants elect Species I of Claims 1-55.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,

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